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Building Activity Survey: March 2016

According to provisional data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), in March 2016 the Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, which is calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 1.078. This figure corresponds to 180.4 thousand m² of surface and 722.8 thousand m³ of volume, reflecting, respectively, an 11.5% decrease in the number of building permits, a 27.1% decrease in surface and a 32.4% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

The building permits for the Private Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2016 amounted to 1.067. This figure corresponds to 173.4 thousand m² of surface and 686.7 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the same month of 2015 there is an 11.6% decrease in the number of building permits, a 28.6% decrease in surface and a 34.8% decrease in volume (Table 2).

The building permits for the Public Building Activity issued in Greece in March 2016 amounted to 11. This figure corresponds to 7.0 thousand m² of surface and 36.1 thousand m³ of volume. Public Building Activity accounted for 5.0% of the total building volume in March 2016.

In the last twelve months, from April 2015 until March 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece, calculated on the basis of the number of issued building permits, amounted to 12,825. This figure corresponds to 2,639.2 thousand m² of surface and 14,495.1 thousand m³ of volume. In comparison with the corresponding period from April 2014 until March 2015, there is a 5.8% decrease in the number of building permits, a 3.7% decrease in surface and a 22.4% increase in volume (Table 3).

In the same period, from April 2015 until March 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 6.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 12.9% decrease in surface and an 8.2% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period from April 2014 to March 2015 (Table 4). During the same period, Public Building Activity accounted for 26.5% of the total building volume.

During the period January - March 2016, Total Building Activity (private-public) in Greece recorded a 13.7% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 20.1% decrease in surface and a 13.1% decrease in volume, compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5).

During the same period, January - March 2016, Private Building Activity in Greece recorded a 14.0% decrease in the number of issued building permits, a 19.7% decrease in surface and an 11.9% decrease in volume, in comparison with the corresponding period of January - March 2015 (Table 6).

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Table 1. Total Building Activity, by Region, March 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	70	38	-45.7	12.2	3.7	-69.2	43.8	11.9	-72.7
Kentriki Makedonia	157	181	15.3	40.3	36.3	-9.9	205.4	157.4	-23.4
Dytiki Makedonia	27	18	-33.3	7.1	5.1	-27.8	33.1	25.0	-24.6
Thessalia	65	50	-23.1	25.1	14.3	-42.9	136.4	71.9	-47.3
Ipeiros	38	32	-15.8	7.0	3.4	-51.1	29.5	10.5	-64.5
Ionioi Nisoi	51	68	33.3	10.9	19.2	76.1	41.6	78.3	88.1
Dytiki Ellada	100	82	-18.0	20.1	10.1	-50.1	71.4	38.2	-46.5
Stereia Ellada	106	84	-20.8	20.1	10.5	-47.5	101.4	41.5	-59.1
Peloponnisos	120	114	-5.0	18.3	17.9	-2.0	89.3	62.7	-29.8
Attiki	220	199	-9.5	27.9	26.1	-6.4	99.5	103.4	3.9
Voreio Aigaio	46	25	-45.7	3.6	3.4	-3.7	13.0	11.8	-9.5
Notio Aigaio	128	110	-14.1	31.6	10.9	-65.6	114.9	36.8	-68.0
Kriti	90	77	-14.4	23.5	19.4	-17.4	90.0	73.5	-18.4
Greece, Total	1,218	1,078	-11.5	247.5	180.4	-27.1	1,069.5	722.8	-32.4

Table 2. Private Building Activity, by Region, March 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)	March		Change (%)
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	70	36	-48.6	12.2	3.7	-69.3	43.8	11.9	-72.8
Kentriki Makedonia	155	180	16.1	40.3	34.1	-15.4	205.4	149.2	-27.4
Dytiki Makedonia	27	17	-37.0	7.1	2.5	-64.9	33.1	9.4	-71.6
Thessalia	64	50	-21.9	24.6	14.3	-41.8	134.9	71.9	-46.7
Ipeiros	38	32	-15.8	7.0	3.4	-51.1	29.5	10.5	-64.5
Ionioi Nisoi	51	68	33.3	10.9	19.2	76.1	41.6	78.3	88.1
Dytiki Ellada	97	82	-15.5	17.1	10.1	-41.3	59.9	38.2	-36.2
Stereia Ellada	106	84	-20.8	20.1	10.5	-47.5	101.4	41.5	-59.1
Peloponnisos	118	113	-4.2	17.6	17.7	0.6	87.2	61.8	-29.1
Attiki	220	199	-9.5	27.9	26.1	-6.4	99.5	103.4	3.9
Voreio Aigaio	46	25	-45.7	3.6	3.4	-3.7	13.0	11.8	-9.5
Notio Aigaio	127	105	-17.3	31.4	10.2	-67.7	114.1	34.2	-70.0
Kriti	88	76	-13.6	23.2	18.3	-21.2	88.9	64.7	-27.2
Greece, Total	1,207	1,067	-11.6	242.8	173.4	-28.6	1,052.4	686.7	-34.8

(1) Provisional data

(2) It should be noted that any differences between the increase/ decrease in the number of the issued building permits and the corresponding increase/decrease in the surface or volume may be on account of individual building permits involving big surface or volume or of building permits that do not concern surface or volume, such as amendments, restorations, demolitions, etc.

**Table 3. Total Building Activity, by Region,
April 2014 - March 2015 and April 2015 - March 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March 2014-2015	April - March 2015-2016	Change (%)	April - March 2014-2015	April - March 2015-2016	Change (%)	April - March 2014-2015	April - March 2015-2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	617	531	-13.9	139.6	97.9	-29.9	532.9	396.5	-25.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,897	1,888	-0.5	472.7	423.9	-10.3	2,452.3	2,319.0	-5.4
Dytiki Makedonia	317	257	-18.9	106.0	319.6	201.7	526.9	4,006.5	660.4
Thessalia	726	675	-7.0	165.2	180.0	9.0	778.4	1,094.6	40.6
Ipeiros	474	478	0.8	97.0	86.8	-10.5	382.5	353.9	-7.5
Ionioi Nisoi	627	592	-5.6	116.4	100.4	-13.7	373.9	358.1	-4.2
Dytiki Ellada	1,191	1,029	-13.6	203.8	169.9	-16.6	829.3	716.2	-13.6
Stereia Ellada	1,124	985	-12.4	196.4	193.2	-1.6	926.5	978.9	5.7
Peloponnisos	1,463	1,412	-3.5	232.4	226.5	-2.6	883.1	945.2	7.0
Attiki	2,628	2,334	-11.2	460.3	378.1	-17.9	2,051.8	1,639.3	-20.1
Voreio Aigaio	450	497	10.4	66.0	74.8	13.3	264.7	285.5	7.9
Notio Aigaio	1,150	1,173	2.0	235.1	176.0	-25.1	952.5	669.8	-29.7
Kriti	949	974	2.6	249.3	211.9	-15.0	891.1	731.8	-17.9
Greece, Total	13,613	12,825	-5.8	2,740.1	2,639.2	-3.7	11,845.8	14,495.1	22.4

**Table 4. Private Building Activity, by Region,
April 2014 - March 2015 and April 2015 - March 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	April - March 2014-2015	April - March 2015-2016	Change (%)	April - March 2014-2015	April - March 2015-2016	Change (%)	April - March 2014-2015	April - March 2015-2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	612	521	-14.9	136.7	94.5	-30.9	521.2	377.6	-27.6
Kentriki Makedonia	1,876	1,851	-1.3	467.1	415.3	-11.1	2,423.9	2,287.7	-5.6
Dytiki Makedonia	313	252	-19.5	86.4	63.5	-26.5	421.4	331.8	-21.3
Thessalia	718	673	-6.3	162.8	179.8	10.5	767.4	1,093.5	42.5
Ipeiros	471	471	0.0	96.3	83.2	-13.7	379.9	338.4	-10.9
Ionioi Nisoi	624	592	-5.1	116.3	100.4	-13.7	373.6	358.1	-4.1
Dytiki Ellada	1,182	1,028	-13.0	196.3	167.0	-14.9	800.8	704.0	-12.1
Stereia Ellada	1,119	981	-12.3	196.2	192.8	-1.7	925.8	977.6	5.6
Peloponnisos	1,457	1,404	-3.6	231.4	225.9	-2.4	880.0	943.3	7.2
Attiki	2,625	2,326	-11.4	457.3	368.5	-19.4	2,043.4	1,605.1	-21.4
Voreio Aigaio	447	494	10.5	63.7	70.2	10.3	257.7	267.4	3.8
Notio Aigaio	1,147	1,162	1.3	234.0	174.6	-25.4	948.6	664.5	-29.9
Kriti	935	965	3.2	242.6	204.2	-15.8	863.5	702.2	-18.7
Greece, Total	13,526	12,720	-6.0	2,687.2	2,339.8	-12.9	11,607.2	10,651.3	-8.2

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**Table 5. Total Building Activity, by Region,
January - March 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March 2015	2016	Change (%)	January - March 2015	2016	Change (%)	January - March 2015	2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	145	104	-28.3	25.7	12.3	-52.2	99.1	50.6	-49.0
Kentriki Makedonia	400	413	3.3	112.8	112.0	-0.7	593.9	751.9	26.6
Dytiki Makedonia	63	39	-38.1	36.4	11.5	-68.4	186.8	53.5	-71.4
Thessalia	174	137	-21.3	46.7	29.6	-36.6	226.3	136.6	-39.6
Ipeiros	95	97	2.1	17.4	17.8	2.0	63.2	62.7	-0.7
Ionioi Nisoi	169	160	-5.3	33.5	33.4	-0.3	116.1	127.8	10.1
Dytiki Ellada	275	192	-30.2	52.4	27.8	-47.0	219.0	99.9	-54.4
Stereia Ellada	249	209	-16.1	47.0	24.2	-48.5	209.8	96.1	-54.2
Peloponnisos	328	288	-12.2	58.1	47.2	-18.8	240.5	219.4	-8.8
Attiki	606	543	-10.4	86.0	102.6	19.3	340.7	422.7	24.1
Voreio Aigaio	103	78	-24.3	13.2	9.5	-28.1	53.5	35.9	-32.9
Notio Aigaio	300	252	-16.0	55.6	44.2	-20.4	196.5	212.2	8.0
Kriti	246	209	-15.0	75.4	55.6	-26.2	283.1	188.5	-33.4
Greece, Total	3,153	2,721	-13.7	660.3	527.7	-20.1	2,828.3	2,457.8	-13.1

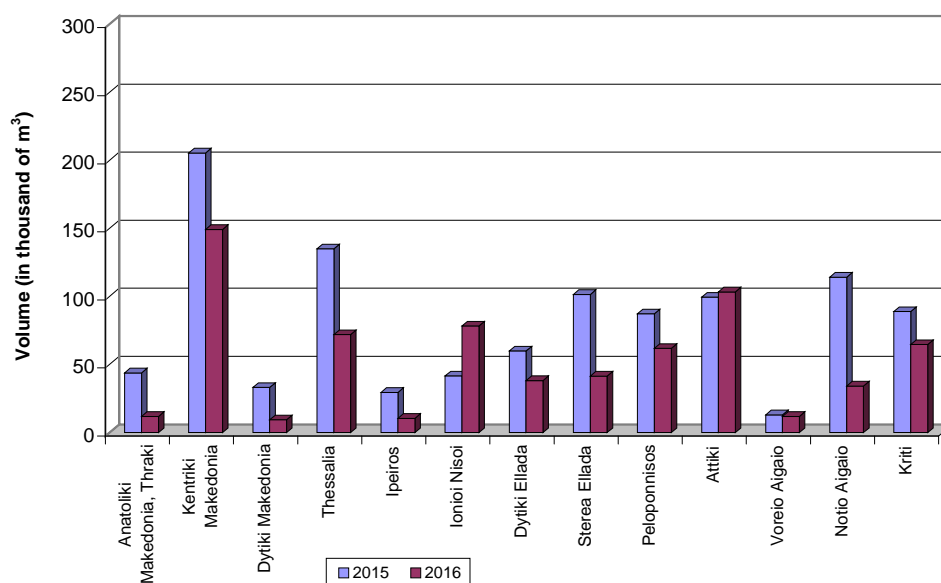
**Table 6. Private Building Activity, by Region,
January - March 2015 and 2016^{(1) (2)}**

Region	Number of building permits			Surface (in thousand m ²)			Volume (in thousand m ³)		
	January - March 2015	2016	Change (%)	January - March 2015	2016	Change (%)	January - March 2015	2016	Change (%)
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	143	102	-28.7	25.3	12.3	-51.5	96.8	50.5	-47.8
Kentriki Makedonia	397	408	2.8	112.8	106.8	-5.3	593.9	731.6	23.2
Dytiki Makedonia	61	38	-37.7	17.2	8.9	-48.5	84.5	37.9	-55.1
Thessalia	173	137	-20.8	46.2	29.6	-36.0	224.8	136.6	-39.2
Ipeiros	95	93	-2.1	17.4	14.4	-17.4	63.2	48.4	-23.4
Ionioi Nisoi	169	160	-5.3	33.5	33.4	-0.3	116.1	127.8	10.1
Dytiki Ellada	270	192	-28.9	49.3	27.8	-43.7	207.3	99.9	-51.8
Stereia Ellada	249	207	-16.9	47.0	23.9	-49.2	209.8	95.0	-54.7
Peloponnisos	326	287	-12.0	57.4	47.0	-18.2	238.4	218.5	-8.4
Attiki	605	542	-10.4	85.4	102.6	20.2	338.1	422.7	25.0
Voreio Aigaio	103	78	-24.3	13.2	9.5	-28.1	53.5	35.9	-32.9
Notio Aigaio	299	247	-17.4	55.4	43.5	-21.4	195.6	209.6	7.2
Kriti	243	204	-16.0	74.1	49.4	-33.3	277.8	164.6	-40.7
Greece, Total	3,133	2,695	-14.0	634.3	509.1	-19.7	2,699.7	2,379.2	-11.9

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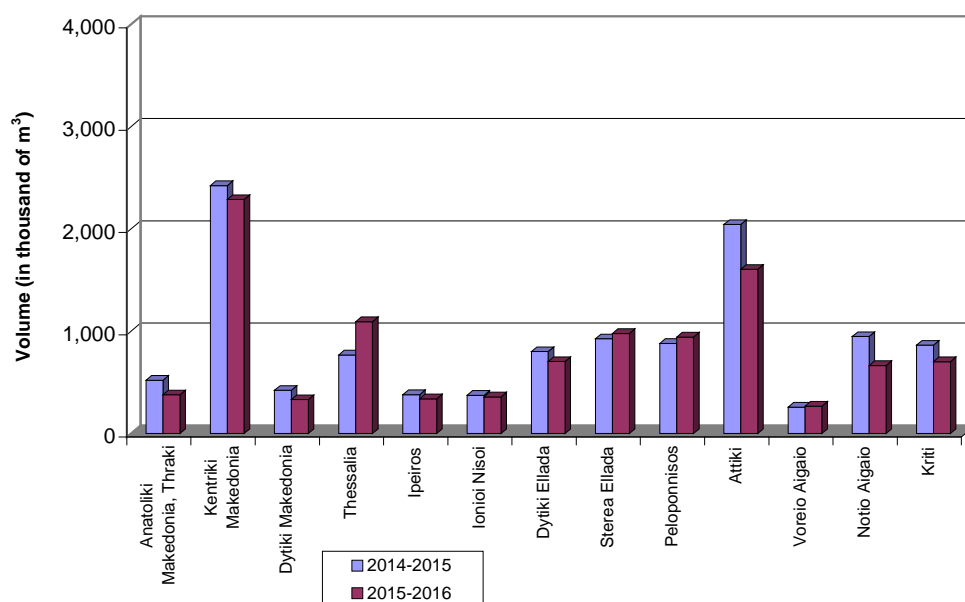
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Graph 1. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, March 2015 and 2016 *



* Provisional data

Graph 2. Private Building Activity (volume), by Region, April 2014 - March 2015 and April 2015 - March 2016 *



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Building Activity Survey	<p>The Building Activity Survey has been providing data on a monthly and yearly basis, since 1964. The purpose of this survey is to register the total number of building permits issued by the responsible administrative authorities, which are devolved to complete the questionnaire. The survey covers all the features of building activity, such as the type of building permit, the type of construction, the type and the characteristics of the building and its auxiliary spaces, as well as building usage, surface, volume and value.</p>
Legal Framework	<p>The survey is fully harmonized with the European legislation. The primary legislative act is Regulation (EU) 1165/1998, as it was amended according to Regulation (EU) 1158/2005.</p>
Reference Period	<p>01/03/2016 to 31/03/2016</p>
Coverage	<p>The survey is exhaustive and covers the total number of issued building permits across the country.</p>
Definitions	<p>Building Permit refers to all types of building permits. These are permits for new buildings or permits for additions, repair, renovation, demolition, legitimization, amendment and modification of a building.</p> <p>The denotation of "built-property" is equal to "building".</p> <p>Building is every permanent and independent structure, which has walls and a roof and consists of one or more rooms and other complementary spaces. Normally, buildings feature four walls. However, a construction open from one or even two sides will be considered a building, as long as it has a roof.</p> <p>New building is any built-property raised on an uncovered site or in the place of an old building that has been demolished.</p> <p>Building Addition is every construction that adds building volume (space) to an existing building, in terms of surface, height or both and creates a residence, a shop or both.</p> <p>Building volume (the net building volume) refers to the area that is included between the external surface of the external walls, the lowest level (the basement or the sub-basement, if it exists) and the roof of the building. If there is an open ground floor not enclosed within walls between the lower floor and the roof, its volume is taken into account. The relevant authorities calculate the volume of the building during the issuing of the building permit.</p> <p>Surface of new-built property is considered to be the sum of each floor space along with the outer space of the outer walls.</p>
General Remark	<p>Any delineation that may occur between the sum of sub totals and the totals is due to rounding.</p>
References	<p>More information (questionnaires, methodology) with regards to the Building Activity Survey is available on ELSTAT's web-site: www.statistics.gr, under the links: Industry, Commerce, Services, Transportations > Short term indices > Building - Constructions > Building Activity .</p>